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apparent in every phase of military power, with the exception of atomic weapons. The CATERS ratio may have been designed to discourage any NATO withdrawal of forces. Members of SABORN agreed to review this study, but stated that written comment would not be possible at an early date because of the full pressure on analysts.

(3) A study entitled "The Internal Combat Effectiveness of the National People's Army". This paper was presented by Alias Dr. Waller in the afternoon of 8 September. All WOPACT members at the meeting agreed that the study was an excellent contribution on the subject. According to Alias Dr. Waller, the paper will be expanded to include all of the Soviet Satellites and will be given to MLB for transmittal to Headquarters.

B. Through Alias Daggan:

Source (apparently a press item) for an allegation by Alias Griffith that Hungary has been designated as part of the First Strategic Echelon of the Warsaw Pact. As far as WOPACT knows, East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, or the so-called Northern Tier of the Warsaw Pact, are the only Eastern European countries included in this Echelon. WOPACT would like this reference and any other background information on Alias Griffith's allegation as soon as possible.

3. We agreed to furnish Alias Griffith the following through MLB:

A report from DS-100 which included rumors that the Soviet Navy may have a second naval infantry brigade somewhere in the Black Sea. The report is attached.

4. Other significant disclosures by the CATERS during the meeting were that they believe that surprise attack by the Soviets is unlikely at present, and that the East is unlikely to initiate limited nuclear war, because of the superiority of the West in nuclear fire-power.

5. The CATERS gave the impression that they were delighted to have had the opportunity to express their views during this meeting. In fact, until the paper presented by Alias Grill on the power ratio has been thoroughly debated, they may hope that they have influenced the position of WOPACT in respect to this subject.

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